

**SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE**

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Steve Tolley**SEC DECEMBER 2014 MEETING MINUTES****Wakelin Room – Wellesley Free Public Library****Thursday December 4, 2014**Attendees: Ellen Korpi, Scott Bender, Ellen Gibbs, Katy Gibson, Laura Olton, Steve TolleyGuests: Allen Hebert, Matt Hornung, Quentin Prideaux, Mason Smith**Citizen's Speak** -- none**November Meeting Minutes** – Approved

Energy Manager Report –Allen Hebert presented an overview and details of 2014 municipal building energy performance. Overall there has been a 3% reduction in electricity use over FY 2012 and 10% reduction in natural gas use, so overall 8% reduction in energy use based on energy conservation measures. He also discussed major components to 5 Year Plan. Questions were raised about streetlights (BOS is in charge of streetlights but MLP has data). Katy Gibson to gather and present more information on streetlights for the next meeting.

More POWER TO CHOOSE update – Ellen Korpi presented the numbers. Since we extended the solar campaign in late August, over 80 people have signed up, but only 3 sales. The good news is that research shows people continue to convert in follow-on years, notwithstanding lack of certain incentives. Even if no one else new participates in the program, we will have gone from 8 to 68-70 solar installations in town. Around 25 new homes have been installed and we are waiting on the rest.

Solar for Municipal, Non-profits and Community - Quentin Prideaux and Ellen Korpi have been working with the MLP and different organizations on various ways of potentially doing Community Solar projects. They had a positive meeting with BlueWave Capital regarding solar on municipal buildings and other space in town. The SEC and houses of faith have met with Village Power regarding a crowd funding/LLC model for the houses of faith in town. Another meeting with the faith community, Village Power, and the MLP is scheduled for December 15.

Recycling Initiative – Ellen Korpi explained that since last month's meeting, where we clarified that recycling is within the SEC's jurisdiction, we have already had productive meetings with DPW and NRC. NRC & SEC plan to work as a team collaboratively with Public Works. An initial planning meeting is scheduled for January. Later in January there will be a longer meeting with

DPW. After that, the plan is to collaborate to come up with campaigns. MOTION: To create a working group to collaborate with NRC and Public Works on recycling - APPROVED.

Transportation update – Ellen Gibbs explained that the working group has had another meeting since last month and they are making good strides on the website. She also discussed the separate bike committee on infrastructure and safety issues. That bike committee is working on a bike lane along Washington Street, signage, street markings, encouraging more biking and walking to schools, and safety around and approaching the schools. This is separate from the Transportation Initiative, which is more geared toward raising awareness about the overuse of automobiles for transportation. They will be meeting again in January to come up with a plan to launch the website in conjunction with an advanced no-idling campaign and other campaigns.

Next Steps for Further Embedding Sustainability in Town Government Decision-process

This will be discussed next month.

Adjourn and begin Wellesley's Green Collaborative meeting (9:00 am)

Next SEC Meeting: Thursday, January 8th at WMLP at 7:45